

2040 Plan Update

Initial Public Survey Results

We received approximately 4,153 responses to the first public survey on the future of transportation in North Carolina, with responses coming from throughout the state. Highlights of the survey responses include the following:

- Driving motor vehicles, using light rail and walking are the three most important methods of transportation both now and in 2040.
- Taking the bus, walking or riding a bicycle would likely be used most if the availability of gas were limited.
- The two biggest challenges to creating a transportation system for the future are (1) funding and (2) the public's attitude towards transportation favoring single occupancy vehicles.
- The top three issues NCDOT should consider in planning future transportation are (1) funding, (2) aging roads and bridges, and (3) easing congestion.
- When prioritizing transportation projects, NCDOT should consider reducing congestion, strengthening the economy and reducing accidents.
- Federal/state governments and developers should pay for the majority of transportation investments.
- Maintaining a balanced budget is the most important factor regarding NCDOT's financial investments.
- Safety/security and access to jobs/healthcare are the top two quality-of-life factors NCDOT should consider in planning future transportation.

Based upon these results and all comments from the survey, the 2040 Plan team has revised the report on the challenges and opportunities for North Carolina's transportation future. These revisions include incorporating the conditions, needs and economies of rural North Carolina into the transportation discussion, and noting the challenge in tracking public attitudes about transportation.

More Please!

We'd like to ask you for your thoughts again. This time, however, we'd like to ask you to help prioritize the proposed investments that you think should be made in North Carolina's various methods of transportation. And we'd like your input on some ideas about new funding sources for transportation.

You can complete the second survey online at www.ncdot.gov or via mobile phone app at www.ncdot.m.gov, or request that a survey be sent to you by calling 1-877-DOT-4YOU (368-4968) or writing to 2040 Plan Update, NCDOT, 1503 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1503.

A 2040 Plan Status Report

The 2040 Plan technical team is working to identify future transportation needs by mode, including highway, airport, ferry, walking, bicycling, bus and rail, with consideration of safety, ongoing maintenance and improved mobility. Reports are also being compiled on possible funding options and investment strategies. On the policy front, team members are identifying potential adjustments to North Carolina's transportation policies, processes or programs that would help NCDOT better prepare for the future. We will let you know when executive summaries of the reports have been posted to NCDOT's website or made available in other formats.